

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 328 - SB 815

March 24, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) to report on the implementation, costs, benefits, and burdens to the State of specific elements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act to the House Health and Human Resources Committee and Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee on or before January 31, 2012.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$70,400/One-Time

Assumptions:

- The Commissioner will report on the following four elements: the authorization of grant awards by states to providers who treat a high percentage of medically underserved populations or who are located in health professions shortage areas; the effects of budgetary expansions of the Community Health Center Fund; the availability of grants to implement the Elder Justice Act; and the interaction of Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Program with the program of home and community-based services under Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-5-14.
- According to DOH, to conduct a thorough and meaningful evaluation and provide a report to the Committees, the Department will convene a multi-disciplinary team consisting, at a minimum, of representatives from the Department of Health, Commission on Aging, Bureau of TennCare, and the association representing the Community Health Centers.
- Any operational costs will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The Department will contract with one epidemiologist with expertise in assessment of health needs and implementation and evaluation of health interventions. The contract will be seven months in length and will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$41,100.

- The Department will also contract with one statistician with expertise in cost-benefit analysis. The contract will be seven months in length and will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$29,300.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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